

DISTRICT CAGE HONORS TO MOLINE

SWEDES CRUSH ANNANAW TEAM IN FINAL GAME

Islanders Play Listlessly in Defeating Atkinson for Third Position.

BY ART WILLIAMS.

Moline won the title game of the district basketball tournament by an overwhelming score from Annawan, 46 to 10, Saturday night in the Augustana gymnasium. Second rank in the tourney goes to Annawan, the champion of class B teams.

Rock Island settled the argument for third place by defeating Atkinson, 24 to 12, in the finals. Rock Island, Moline and Geneseo were the three strongest aggregations in the tournament, but for the method of matching the teams by class Rock Island would have had second place. There is no doubt but that the locals could have defeated the Annawan crew. The three strongest teams were placed in class A, and as a consequence they had to eliminate each other in the initial rounds of play.

After the first five minutes of play in the deciding game Moline had everything its own way. The Plows, as usual, were slow in getting started, but when the attack got under way one basket after another rolled in rapidly. Fast foot work and accurate basket shooting proved altogether too much for the smaller town boys who had great difficulty in even getting a shot at their hoop. The Swedes were considerably larger and taller than the Annawan fighters, which gave them the advantage all the way around. The tournament victors used the bounce pass a great deal, but they are a long way from having it mastered to any useful degree. The play was interrupted frequently by substitutions. Moline's entire second string squad was in the game within a few minutes after the second half began.

Heider is Star. Moline's big captain, started for the victory by hitting the loop for six field goals and four free throws. Heider stood out during the entire tournament as the best free thrower present. He missed only a very small percentage of his chances. Mahoney was one of the fastest guards that appeared on the floor, and with Simpson, another good floor man, did his share to bring the Moline team to the front row. Toline was a dangerous man beneath the basket and the majority of his points were made after the ball had been worked down the floor. Schmidt, the big Moline guard, defended his goal well and very few shots were given to the opponents. Holmer, one of the second string men who was injected toward the end of the contest, showed good ability at basket shooting, caging three counters within a short time.

The Annawan lads knew that they were outclassed before they entered the game, but cared little for defeat means second place to them. They were a good team, but nothing to compare with Rock Island, Geneseo or Moline. They succeeded in getting only two field goals, one by Boyd and one by Everett, against Moline. The other six points were made on free throws. They were powerless to start anything with the Swede delegation, but fought hard. The lineup:

	FG	FT	P	T	PP
Moline	10	12	0	0	0
Heider, rf	6	2	0	0	16
Peterson, rf	2	0	1	0	4
Simpson, lf	4	0	1	1	8
Hemphill, lf	1	0	0	0	2
Toline, c	3	0	0	1	6
Holmer, c	3	0	1	0	6
Mahoney, rf	2	0	1	0	4
Greer, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Carlmark, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	4	10	2	46

	FG	FT	P	T	PP
Annawan	0	0	0	0	0
Everett, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Lambert, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Whetstone, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Mason, c	0	0	0	0	0
Boyd, lf	1	0	1	0	2
Marks, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	1	0	2

Rock Island Wins.

The Rock Island lads were confident of winning their game with Atkinson. Therefore, action in the contest was slow from start to finish. It seemed as though the locals were depressed because of the loss of their game with Moline. At one stage in the game the Atkinson boys were tied with the Crimson and Gold, 8 to 8. The home crew had the ability to defeat the Atkinson gang by a much larger count, but it did not mean any more to them, so little effort was expended. In Rock Island's last game Woodward stood out as the hardest worker and best point getter. In all he caged four field goals and two free throws. Captain Shetter did not appear on the floor.

Anderson at guard was responsible for three baskets and Knanshu came through with two field goals. Alvine was unable to hit the loop for any counters, but defended the goal in his usual excellent manner, permitting few shots by the opponents. Alvine, without question, stands on an equal with any guard who appeared in the entire tournament. Two free throws were extent of Edwards' points. Toward the end of the contest subs were worked in and kept the game going with about the same speed as it had been with the regular lineup. If anything, the second string men pepped up the game and pulled more fast work than was evident at the beginning.

M. Kay Best Scorer. For Atkinson, M. Kay, right guard, made eight of the 12 points, with three field goals and two free throws. The other points were made on field goals by S. Nowers and McAfee. The Atkinson lads showed plenty of fight at the be-

All District TEAMS

FIRST TEAM.
Schmidt, Moline, guard (Capt.)
Alvine, Rock Island, guard.
Shetter, Rock Island, center.
Heider, Moline, forward.
Knanshu, Rock Island, guard.

SECOND TEAM.
Simpson, Moline, forward (Capt.)
K. Graham, Atkinson, forward.
Klemm, Savanna, center.
A. Schultz, Geneseo, guard.
Knanshu, Rock Island, guard.

Rock Island and Moline grabbed off all the honors of the first all-district team, the edge going to Moline, three to two. Both schools placed one man on each of the second teams and the other three positions were awarded to Atkinson, Savanna and Geneseo. The selections were made by the officials of the tournament, M. W. Zippoy of Joliet and J. F. Brashears of Joy.

The honor teams were announced at the end of the first half of the Moline-Annawan game Saturday night and seemed to meet with the hearty approval of the spectators. Announcement of the selections was greeted by enthusiastic applause. In naming Schmidt of Moline and Alvine of Rock Island guards on the first squad, the officials undoubtedly picked the two strongest men in the tournament for the positions, although many thought Mahoney, Moline's fast, running guard, should have been considered, at least on the second team. Toline of Moline was logical choice for center. His basket shooting and floorwork was good throughout. Shetter of Rock Island was the right choice for one forward. His scrappy qualities and ability to play the ball were outstanding points in his favor. Heider of Moline earned the other forward position because of his ability to shoot free throws, an important factor in the success of any team.

A better selection than "Midge" Simpson for forward on the second team could hardly have been made. K. Graham of Atkinson, an excellent basket shot, was the proper choice for the other forward position. Klemm of Savanna displayed great facilities at the center post. A. Schultz of Geneseo very likely would have placed on the first team if his squad had not been eliminated at the start by Rock Island. Knanshu of Rock Island at the other guard position combines ability to shoot baskets, play the floor and guard well.

ginning of the contest and played on about an equal basis in the first half with only a two-point lead, 8 to 6. Shortly after the beginning of the second session S. Nowers made the field goal that tied the score at eight points each. Spectators and the Rock Island players were not in doubt as to the time as to the outcome of the contest when the score was close, as they both fully realized that the team could step out at any time and insure victory. The locals seemed reluctant to exert themselves unnecessarily. The lineup:

	FG	FT	P	T	PP
Rock Island	10	12	0	0	0
Edwards, rf	6	2	0	0	16
Hollingsworth, rf	2	0	1	0	4
Hetter, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Schneider, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Knanshu, lf	2	0	0	0	4
Posateri, lf	0	0	0	0	0
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M. Kay, rf	3	2	1	0	8
McAfee, c	1	0	3	0	2
S. Nowers, lf	1	0	0	1	2
W. Nowers, lf	0	0	0	0	0
K. Graham, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	2	3	1	12

TOURNEY WINNERS

At Rock Island.
Moline, 46; Annawan, 10.
Rock Island, 24; Atkinson, 12.
(For third place.)

At Marion, Ill.
Marion, 31; Johnston City, 17.
Murphysboro, 19; Carbondale Community, 15.
(For third place.)

At Bloomington, Ill.
Bloomington, 36; Stanford, 16.
(For third place.)

At Alton, Ill.
Collinsville, 33; Mascoutah, 9.
At Hillsboro, Ill.
Greenview, 34; Witt, 14.
Mount Olive, 27; Coffeen, 10.
(For third place.)

At Galesburg, Ill.
Galesburg, 18; Williamsfield, 8.
Cambridge, 28; Weathersfield, 17.
(For third place.)

At Peoria, Ill.
Peoria High, 45; Morton, 8.
Trivoli, 33; Peoria Manual, 16.
(For third place.)

At Canton, Ill.
Canton, 50; Glasford, 17.
Macomb, 37; Goodhope, 21.
(For third place.)

At Quincy, Ill.
Kinderhook, 19; Pittsfield, 12.
At Decatur, Ill.
Atwood, 19; Morrisville, 10.
At Centralia, Ill.
Centralia, 55; Farina, 15.
At Olney, Ill.
Olney, 33; Louisville, 21.
At Bridgeport, Ill.
Bridgeport, 12; Sumner, 10.
At Charleston, Ill.
Kansas, 26; Charleston, 16.
At Urbana, Ill.
Villa Grove, 31; Tuscola, 16.
Flaier, 26; Ogden, 19.
(For third place.)

At Jacksonville, Ill.
Jacksonville, 31; Bluffs, 13.
Joliet, 20; Gardener, 22.
At Monmouth, Ill.
Macomb Normal, 30; Woodhull, 9.
Monmouth, 57; Bardolph, 11.
(For third place.)

At Freeport, Ill.
Freeport, 48; Orangeville, 30.

T. GIBBONS IN NEW YORK FOR GREB CONTEST

Any Betting So Far Favors St. Paul Mauler.

BY FAIR PLAY.

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New York, March 6.—Tommy Gibbons, the celebrated St. Paul light-heavyweight, has arrived in the metropolis and today he begins earnest preparation for the battle with Harry Greb, set for Madison Square garden, March 13. Gibbons will do all of his shadow boxing and sparring at the Commonwealth Athletic club in New York, while Greb who has been doing light work at Jack O'Brien's gymnasium in the garden, has signed up a squad of good sparring partners who will swing into action today. All betting that has been done to date—there has not been a great deal—sets Gibbons as about a 5 to 4 favorite.

New Heavy Pops Up.

On the horizon of every champion at sometime or other in the course of his career appears a cloud, small enough, yet not too small to attract the king's attention. He watches it, sees it assume size and wonders whether it means a small storm or a cyclone. Today over in Jersey after a hunt through Harrison, information was given that Billy Moore, the 19-year-old heavyweight who knocked Tarzan Larkin out in one round Saturday night, could be found in school. Yep, Billy is a school boy, boyish and clean cut. And growing all the time. Looking him over at the recess, one wondered whether within a few years this lad will be standing forth as the man that Jack Dempsey, or whoever holds the title—looks as though it will be Jack—has to fear. Billy is modest, a real American and not inclined to say anything about his pugilistic ambitions at all.

Wills Wants Something.

Everyone is all a-asking, of course, about the \$250,000 offer to Dempsey to fight Harry Wills, which was made by Harry Frazee of Boston. Frazee forgot to tell Paddy Mullins, who manages Wills, how much the negro would drag down. Mullins says, though, that this is a matter of considerable importance. In fact he doesn't really see how he could sign any papers unless Frazee should happen to remember that in order to have the privilege of paying Dempsey \$250,000 he must have the champion with someone to fight. Mullins is waiting.

NEW RECORDS AT RELAY CARNIVAL

Urbana, Ill., March 6.—Middle western athletes who furnished such fast competition in the indoor relay carnival Saturday night, in which nine new records were created, left yesterday for their respective campuses.

General comment of athletic directors and coaches was that the meet was the most successful ever staged, especially in the point of high quality. Looking forward to next year's carnival, it is probable that plans to include more relays will be made.

Pennsylvania runners who set a record of 3:01 2-5 in winning the two mile university relay left this morning for home. Harold Osborne, sterling Illinois athlete, who won the all around championship over Brutus Hamilton of Missouri, set a new carnival record in scoring 5,454 points in the event.

The University of Iowa mile team was lauded for its great showing in wrestling the mile university relay championship from Illinois in the record time of 3:27 3-5. The old record of 3:25 was made last year by Pennsylvania. Brookings of Iowa placed first in the 75 yard dash in the individual events, while Wilson annexed the 300 yard run.

\$500 PER HOMER FOR BABE RUTH

Hot Springs, Ark., March 6.—Babe Ruth will wear a Yankee uniform for the next five years, as a salary described by Colonel Huston as worthy of a railroad president. Vint that salary will be the colored refused to say. Besides a fat pay envelope, Ruth will receive \$500 for every home run. Colonel Huston and Ruth came to terms shortly before midnight, settling all arguments by pitching a coin into the air. If Babe won the toss, he was to get his original demand. If he lost, he would have to fall back on Colonel Huston's compromise figure. Babe yelled tails, and that's how the coin fell. Huston had to phone Colonel Ruppert, other part owner, in New York, to get approval of the coin flipping.

Rumor from Hot Springs has it that Ruth's contract is for \$50,000, not counting home run bonus. If he should knock 50 homers, he will get as much for playing ball as the president of the United States gets for directing the government of the nation.

NIELSON QUITTS.

Washington, March 6.—Resignation of Fred K. Nielson, solicitor of the department of state, will be announced shortly after the return of Secretary Hughes from his vacation to Bermuda, it was learned.

WATERLOO YET TO NAME BOSS OF BALL TEAM

Ottumwa Signs Drohan of Kewanee as Pilot—Conzelman Popular Choice Here.

BY J. L. HUGHES.

The baseball bee is buzzing merrily in the cities of the Mississippi Valley league. Ottumwa is the latest to announce the signing of a manager, same being Jimmy Drohan of Kewanee. Rock Island has Jimmie Conzelman's signature to a pilot's contract, and Dubuque has retained the veteran Larry Mullen to direct the destinies of its new organization in the field. The league was only a few hours old when Marshalltown had Frank Boyle landed and Cedar Rapids recently induced Billy Spears to put his name to the papers as boss of the Burnside. This leaves Waterloo yet to be heard from. Things have been somewhat delayed in that city, due to a hot political campaign, but it is understood the baseball association there now has its nose to the ground in search of a Mugger McGraw overlooked by the majors.

Islander Boss Popular.

The selection of Jimmie Conzelman, gridiron star, to manage the Islanders seems to have struck a popular chord among Rock Island fans. Opinion prevails that Jimmie will make a baseball leader equally as good as he proved himself at football here last fall. He became a favorite by reason of his untiring efforts in behalf of the Independents. Hard work and persistence are valuable assets in his favor.

Jimmie will arrive about April 1, two weeks ahead of the coming of the players. He will find Rock Island's fandom behind him, practically to a man. Sentiment everywhere is strongly in his favor. This should help to give Jim the right kind of a start.

Graham Loses Out.

Ottumwa has two prospects under consideration for the berth of leader, the matter finally simmering down to a choice between Drohan and Oscar Graham, former Moline Plow Boy southpaw and a veteran of many years in the game. Drohan stole a march on his rival by making a personal visit to Ottumwa to extol his own merits by word of mouth, and the result was the signing of a contract.

Drohan returned to Kewanee, where he will remain three weeks before going back to Ottumwa for the summer campaign. He has a reputation for developing sandlot ballplayers into firstclass league pastimers, and it is understood he will take back to Ottumwa with him several promising youngsters from his own neck of the woods.

Dubuque apparently shares the conviction of Marshalltown; that is, that an oldtimer on the bench as manager will be able to produce a winner from 12 youngsters. The league has 13 players, including manager, Frank Boyle at Marshalltown, of course, is many years removed from the ranks of playing manager, and it is not expected that Larry Mullen at Dubuque will feel ambitious enough to hold down a position in the field. Both will undoubtedly concentrate on a pitching staff, with a good firstclass catcher and a second string backstop to hold down an outfield job when not receiving.

Speas a Player. From reports, Cedar Rapids will have the services of a manager still possessing plenty of ability as a player. Billy Spears was with Jack Tighe when Jack had the Seattle club on the coast, and he later played with Portland. He is an outfielder and a hard hitter.

Drohan a Pitcher.

Kewanee, Ill., March 6.—From a list of 45 candidates, including a number of high class baseball bosses, Jim Drohan of Kewanee, known in the days of the old Central Association as "The Old Mauler," has been chosen to handle the managerial reins for the Ottumwa club in the new Mississippi Valley circuit. For the past two years Drohan has been coach and manager of athletics for the Ruppert Leather Co. at Fon du Lac, Wis., where he had a mighty good thing. It was only after a lot of encouraging on the part of Dr. Bonham, president of the Ottumwa club, that Drohan finally was induced to put his name on the dotted line. At one time Drohan was a leading pitcher in the Texas league. He managed the Clinton club in the Central association and was one of the star mound artists in that circuit also.

BOWLING

AT TOLEDO. Toledo, Ohio, March 6.—The American Bowling congress alleys here are occupied today with bowlers from Cleveland, Akron, Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, Peoria and Toledo.

Following are the leaders in the five-men, two-men, individual and all-events, respectively: Hamilton Club Reds, Chicago, 2,902; H. Eicke-P. Rudnick, Chicago, 1,231.
T. Drolshagen, Detroit, 676; P. Young, Akron, 1,544.

CHEER LEADERS AT OHIO TRAINED

Columbus, O., March 6.—To better fit them for their duties when the new Ohio stadium is opened next fall, Ohio State cheer leaders are to be given special attention and instruction. More organized cheering is said to be essential in the vast Buckeye bowl, athletic officials believe.

DISTRICT BATTLE TALK AND TATTLE

Well, Moline won the tournament and Rock Island 1 third 2. Moline will represent the district at the sectional tournament, probably at Peoria. Winners of the sectional tournaments will battle for the state title at Urbana.

Young Canter, Moline's yell leader, wasn't big headed or anything like that, but he just presumed he had the entire crowd under his authority when he waited out on the floor and ordered the yelling to stop when Heider was preparing to shoot a free throw.

The teams were tired Saturday night and little action was shown in the contests. A fairly large crowd was present and it even seemed to show the strain of the three days' ordeal.

Toward the windup of the last game the Rock Island roster's interest turned from basketball to the boys of the high school that were there with lady friends and started advertising them to the throng by organized yells. The boys were proud to think they had a girl, yet they hated to have the gang tell the whole world.

Captain Shetter certainly must have had a date or some sort of an urgent engagement that made it impossible for him to be present on the last night of the big meet.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In the season record of the Geneseo high school basketball team, presented in the March 2 edition of The Argus, two defeats by Cambridge were missing. These were inadvertently overlooked when the record was compiled.

Cambridge beat Geneseo, Dec. 23, at Geneseo, 23 to 19.

Geneseo beat Cambridge, Jan. 28, 25 to 15, in the Henry county tournament.

Cambridge beat Geneseo the second time, Feb. 25, at Cambridge, 18 to 15.

Rock of Gibraltar contains more than 70 miles of tunnels.

'LITTLE 19' MAY PASS OUT THIS SPRING, BELIEF

Departure of Knox and Milliken is Responsible for Dissatisfaction.

Bloomington, Ill., March 6.—Disintegration of the Illinois Inter-Collegiate Athletic conference, otherwise known as the "Little Nineteen," which was started by the dropping out of Knox college and Milliken university, following the close of the last football season, may end in complete disruption this spring, it is predicted here, and the organization of one or probably two new conferences to take its place.

Dissatisfaction among the members of the conference has been apparent for several years, it is said, and the rule of the "Little Nineteen" abandoning the annual basketball tournament has furthered that condition. Until this year the champion basketball team of the conference has been determined by tournaments, which have been the chief means of keeping "Little Nineteen" interest aglow.

Abandonment of the tournament, some athletic authorities say, will have the result of leaving the championship in doubt, as under existing conditions there is no other certain and acceptable way of picking the winner. It is thought possible, but not probable, that coaches this year may agree upon a champion.

A better plan, which it is suggested would not be effective this year, contemplates the organization of a new conference of ten or twelve schools, and the adoption of a rule that each team shall play two games each season with every other team. This would permit the selection of a champion team by averages. This same ten or twelve team conference might exercise similar control of baseball and football, and leave the track championship to an all conference tournament.

This proposal will be attractive,

LEGION TO PICK NEXT OPPONENT FOR SCHLAIFER

Officials of the Davenport American Legion are to meet tomorrow afternoon to select an opponent for Morris Schlaifer of Omaha on the next card, which has been set for March 24. The Coliseum again will be leased for the attraction. In order to handle the general admission ticket holders in better shape, the legion will erect a north bleachers to accommodate at least 400. At last Friday's show, the doors had to be closed to general admissions an hour before the contest. The line at that time was over a block long.

It is thought, to the two schools that have deserted the "Little Nineteen," Knox and Milliken. Other teams for probable membership in such a new organization would be Illinois Wesleyan university, Lombard, Augustana, Bradley Polytechnic, St. Viator's, Illinois State Normal university, Lake Forest and probably Heddington and Illinois colleges which includes a number of the stronger small colleges in the middle west.

Their attitude, and that of several other stronger members of the "Little Nineteen," notably Illinois Wesleyan, Bradley Polytechnic, Lombard and Augustana, which left the conference last season, result in a very difficult and strenuous schedule for 1922. Coach Schlissler of the Galesburg school announced today. The schedule for the coming season will include games with a number of the best colleges in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Several of the dates have not been definitely decided, but it is certain, Coach Schlissler said, that the vacancies will be filled by colleges or universities of calibre.

The opening date has been set for Sept. 29, although an opponent has not yet been selected. In former years Lombard always played a practice game at the start but Schlissler plans to open his season in 1922 with a stiff opponent.

CAMBRIDGE TO FORM A TEAM

Name Officers of Association—Walter A. Johnson Signs With Rock Island.

(Special Correspondence.)
Cambridge, Ill., March 4.—At a meeting of the Cambridge Baseball association it was decided to have a team here this year again. The following officers were named: President—H. C. Mt. Joy. Secretary and treasurer—S. F. Rishel.

Board of directors—W. E. Stephens, W. D. Dierce, W. P. Floyd, W. C. Stiers.
Cambridge should have a good team as there is plenty of material here to choose from.
Islanders met Johnson, Walter A. Johnson, another Henry county ball player, has signed a contract with the Rock Island team. He is an infielder. Johnson is a steady player at any position. His home is in Andover.

LOMBARD PLANS HARD SEASON ON FOOTBALL FIELD

Galesburg, Ill., March 6.—Lombard college, whose football team the college says, was the highest scoring machine in the United States last season, rolling up 44 points to its opponents' 14, will undertake a very difficult and strenuous schedule for 1922. Coach Schlissler of the Galesburg school announced today. The schedule for the coming season will include games with a number of the best colleges in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

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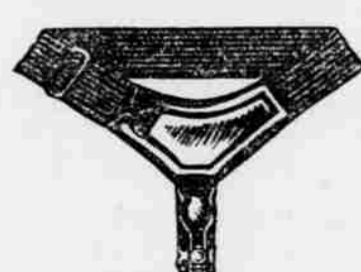
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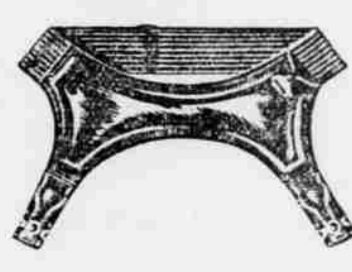
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